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SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

5 METHOD FOR FRACTIONATING RED BLOOD CELLS AND ANTIBACTERIAL
MATERIALS OR BACTERIAL PROLIFERATION INHIBITORS
PRODUCED THEREBY

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to methods for fractionating red blood cells (RBC) of human blood into several fractions having different functions. Further the present invention 15 relates to specific materials produced by such method, which are possessed of antibacterial properties or inhibitory against bacterial proliferation.

2. Prior Art

20 Although it has been conventionally known that red blood cells of human blood act as carriers for carrying a large amount of oxygen and carbon dioxide at a high speed, the other functions of red blood cells have not yet been known completely.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION



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It is therefore a primary object of this invention to find new functions of red blood cells which are greater parts of human blood.

5 It is still more specific object of this invention to provide methods for fractionating red blood cells into different functions, which method can be used for such research.

In order to achieve the above objects, the inventor of the present invention has been performed various researches for fractionating red blood cells of human blood into several 10 fractions. The inventor found that the tested blood could be fractionated into three layers after the blood was added with dextran and then maintained under a certain condition for a certain period. The fractionated blood cells contained these 15 three layers provided different functions on bacteria, respectively. The present invention is based on this knowledge.

The above described objects are accomplished by the method for fractionating red blood cells of human blood into three fractions according to the present invention which comprises following steps; (a)human blood sample is mixed with dextran 20 aqueous solution and maintained stationarily for 60 to 75 min to fractionate this blood sample into three layers; (b)these upper, intermediate, and lower layers are individually separated and collected; and (c)the upper layer sample is treated with hypotonic solution for a short period and then 25 added with hypertonic solution.

Further, the present invention may provide another method for producing a fraction including antibacterial red blood

cells, which comprises following steps; (a)human blood sample is mixed with dextran aqueous solution and maintained stationarily for 60 to 75 min to fractionate this blood sample into three layers; (b)the upper layer is separated from the other layers; and (c)the upper layer is treated with hypotonic solution for a short period and then added with hypertonic solution.

Furthermore, the present invention may provide a still other method for producing a fraction including bacterial proliferation inhibitory red blood cell, which comprises following steps; (a)human blood sample is mixed with dextran aqueous solution and maintained stationarily for 60 to 75 min to fractionate this blood sample into three layers; and (b)the intermediate layer sample is separated and collected from the other layers.

Accordingly, the methods provided by the present invention can easily fractionate three different blood fractions including red blood cells as a main component and having different functions. These three different fractions may be applied to several clinical tests such as antibacterial test and the like.

These and other objects and many of the attendant advantages of this invention will be readily appreciated as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Fig. 1 is a diagrammatic illustration of changes in the shape of red blood cells included in the fractions provided by
5 the methods according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

First, according to one preferred embodiment of the present
10 invention, human blood (including all blood ingredients) is mixed with dextran aqueous solution. This dextran aqueous solution used in the present invention is preferably selected from 5 to 10 w/v% of dextran aqueous solution or physiological saline solution, more preferably 5 to 10 w/v% of dextran
15 physiological saline solution, most preferably 5 to 8 w/v% of dextran aqueous solution to be added into the blood sample is preferably one to twice the volume of the blood sample, more preferably 1.5 times. The mixture of the blood and the dextran aqueous solution is sufficiently stirred and then remained stationarily
20 for 60 to 75 minutes. The mixture becomes forming three layers (upper, intermediate, and lower layers).

The upper layer is separated from the other layers by means of a pipette. The separated layer is treated with hypotonic solution for a short period and then added with hypertonic solution. Finally, one fraction containing red blood cells providing antibacterial activity is produced. In practical
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manner, the upper layer is subjected to centrifugal separation to collect blood cells. The separated blood cell sample is further added with hypotonic solution, and after a short period, added with hypertonic solution to provide isotonic solution. In the present invention, a saponin solution is preferably used for the hypotonic solution, but any materials capable of making the hypotonic solution to isotonic may be used for the hypertonic solution. Such short period for remaining the blood cell sample in the hypotonic solution is preferably about 30 seconds. If the treatment period in the hypotonic solution is shorter, the produced sample will not be antibacterial. On the other hand, if longer, hemolysis will excessively progress and thus the sample includes less red blood cells.

The intermediate and lower layers may be selectively taken from the separated layers by means of a pipette, respectively.

Such prepared three red blood cell fractions are usually added into liquid medium such as RPMI-1640, MEM, BME, Ham F12, MCDB104, MCDB153, and so on to be applied to various researches and studies such as observation of act on various bacteria.

One experiment wherein specific bacteria were inoculated upon the above hypotonic treated upper layer indicated that the red blood cells contained in the upper layer attacked upon these bacteria while the leucocytes contained in the upper layer did not act on these bacteria at all. In other words, the red blood cells contained in the upper layer provide antibacterial function. When the same bacteria were inoculated

upon the intermediate layer, this experiment resulted in that proliferation of bacteria was remarkably inhibited. Also when the lower layer was subjected to the similar experiment, this test resulted in no action on the inoculated bacteria.

5 According to another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the same three red blood cell fractions; the upper, intermediate and lower layers, were fractionated and prepared as liquid medium in the same manner as above. Incubated leucocyte sample taken from another human blood was added into
10 the upper and intermediate layers, respectively. In order to observe activation on bacteria in these fractionated samples, specific bacteria were immediately added into the upper and intermediate layers including the incubated leucocytes, respectively. These samples were observed three times at
15 intervals of 24 hours; i.e., after 24, 48, 72 hours. These observations resulted in that proliferation of bacteria was remarkably inhibited. Reference tests using commercial available antibiotics were carried out on the same occasion to compare with the above results according to the present
20 invention. This comparison also proved that the upper and intermediate layer samples provided superior inhibitory on bacteria rather than all antibiotics.

As is clear from these experimental tests, specific materials having stronger inhibitory effect on proliferation 25 of bacteria rather than any existing antibiotics are generated in the liquid medium samples composed of the upper layer including red blood cells and incubated leucocytes added

thereto, and the intermediate layer including red blood cells and incubated leucocytes added thereto, and further their activated condition is maintained stably for a long period.

It should be understood that such inhibitory materials are either cell-products composed of the red blood cells contained in each layer and the leucocytes added thereto, or by-products secreted out of the blood cells. It should be understood that such by-products are the first type materials secreted out of the red blood cells in the upper or intermediate layer acted by the incubated leucocytes added thereto; the second type materials generated when the incubated leucocytes are broken or secreted out of the incubated leucocytes; or the third type materials generated by the cooperation between the red blood cells of each fraction and the incubated leucocytes. In order to specify such inhibitory materials, the cultured solution of the red blood cell fraction added with the incubated leucocytes is subjected to analysis via filtering and extracting processes.

The present invention will be further understood by the following example. However, the present invention is not limited to this example.

Example

Fresh human blood 10 ml of a healthy person was added with dextran solution 15 ml (which was prepared by dissolving 7.0 g of Dextran 70 manufactured by Tokyo Kasei Co., Ltd in 100 ml of physiological saline solution), and sufficiently stirred by a

pipette, and then maintained stationarily for 60 to 75 min. This sample solution was separated into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers.

The upper layer was subjected to a centrifugal separation
5 to precipitate blood cells (red blood cells and leucocytes). This precipitated part was added with hypotonic solution (RLB, produced by Harajuku Clinic) 30 ml, and after 30 sec, added with hypertonic solution (BELMAR, produced by Harajuku Clinic) 10 ml. This mixture was subjected to a centrifugal separation to
10 collect blood cells. Thus collected blood cells were further added with liquid medium (RPMI-1640) 3 ml. This solution was referred to "sample A".

Four drops of the intermediate layer were taken up by a pipet. This drop-solution was added with liquid medium
15 (RPMI-1640) 3 ml. This solution was referred to "sample B".

A drop of the lower layer was taken up by a pipet. This drop-solution was added with liquid medium (RPMI-1640) 3 ml. This solution was referred to "sample C".

20 Test and Results

A small amount of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was inoculated upon the samples A, B, C and RPMI-1640 (as a control sample), respectively. These samples were remained for 5 to 6 hours at room temperature, and then incubated under the condition of 5%
25 CO₂, 37°C. Thus resulted samples A, B, C and control sample were observed through a microscope to know the action of the samples A, B, C and control sample on the inoculated bacteria.

The microscopic observation resulted in that the sample A included some leucocytes in addition to red blood cells, and the red blood cells were changed into various shapes as shown in Fig. 1. According to the observation of the sample A
5 incubated for six hours, the leucocytes did not positively act on the inoculated bacteria at all, while the red blood cells changed in their shapes moved toward the inoculated bacteria and thus the bacteria were prohibited from moving freely.

The microscopic observation resulted in that the sample B
10 also included a small amount of leucocytes in addition to red blood cells, and the red blood cells were changed into various shapes as shown in Fig. 1. According to the observation of the sample B incubated for six hours, the inoculated bacteria were remarkably decreased in comparison with the control sample.

15 According to the microscopic observation of the sample C, the sample C included only red blood cells which were changed into various shapes. The counted number of the inoculated bacteria in the sample C were substantially equal to that of the control sample.

20 As is clear from the above description, the methods provided by the present invention can easily fractionate three different blood fractions including red blood cells as a main component and having different functions. These three different fractions may be applied to several clinical tests such as
25 antibacterial test and the like.

As many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention may be made without departing from the spirit and

scope thereof, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific embodiments thereof except as defined in the appended claims.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Method for fractionating red blood cells of human blood
5 into three fractions comprising following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

10 (b)separating said three layers into three individual samples; and

(c)treating the upper layer sample with hypotonic solution for a short period and then adding hypertonic solution into said upper layer sample.

15 2. Method for producing a fraction including antibacterial red blood cells, which comprises following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

20 (b)separating and collecting the upper layer from the other layers; and

(c)treating the upper layer sample with hypotonic solution for a short period and then adding hypertonic solution into said upper layer sample.

25 3. Method for producing a fraction including bacterial proliferation inhibitory red blood cells comprising following

steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers; and

(b)separating and collecting the intermediate layer from the other layers.

4. Method for producing a fraction including antibacterial red blood cells, which comprises following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

(b)separating and collecting the upper layer from the other layers;

(c)treating the upper layer sample with hypotonic solution for a short period and then adding hypertonic solution into said upper layer sample to make isotonic solution; and

(d)adding incubated leucocytes into said isotonic solution.

5. Method for producing a fraction including bacterial proliferation inhibitory red blood cells comprising following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

(b)separating and collecting the intermediate layer from the other layers; and

(c)adding incubated leucocytes into said intermediate layer.

5 6. Antibacterial material included in the solution produced by following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the
10 upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

(b)separating and collecting the upper layer from the other layers; and

(c)treating the upper layer sample with hypotonic solution for a short period and then adding hypertonic solution into
15 said upper layer sample.

7. Bacterial proliferation inhibitory material included in the solution produced by following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so
20 as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers; and

(b)separating and collecting the intermediate layer from the other layers.

8. Antibacterial material included in the solution produced
25 by following steps;

(a)mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so

as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

(b) separating and collecting the upper layer from the other layers;

5 (c) treating the upper layer sample with hypotonic solution for a short period and then adding hypertonic solution into said upper layer sample to make isotonic solution; and

(d) adding incubated leucocytes into said isotonic solution.

10 9. Bacterial proliferation inhibitory material included in the solution produced by following steps;

(a) mixing human blood sample with dextran aqueous solution and maintaining said mixture stationarily for 60 to 75 min so as to fractionate this blood sample into three layers, the upper, intermediate, and lower layers;

15 (b) separating and collecting the intermediate layer from the other layers; and

(c) adding incubated leucocytes into said intermediate layer.



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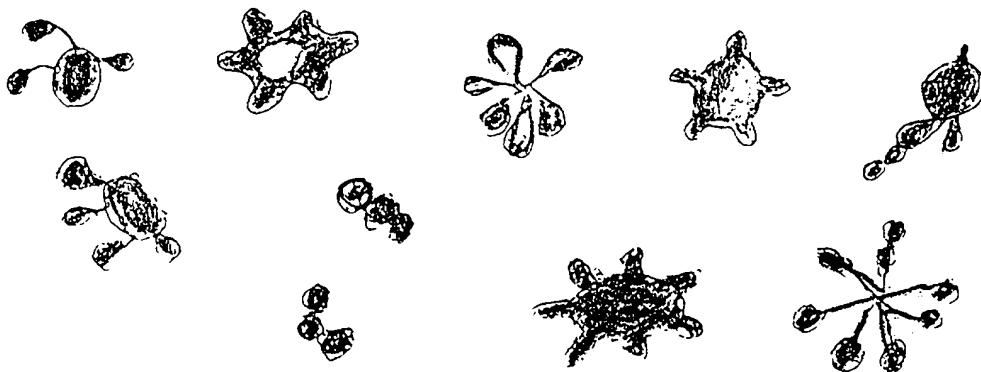
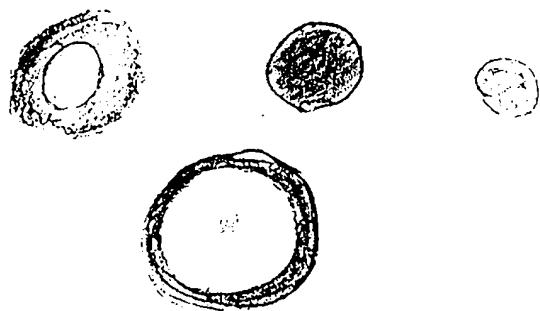
ABSTRACT

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5 MATERIALS OR BACTERIAL PROLIFERATION INHIBITORS PRODUCED
THEREBY

A method for fractionating red blood cells of human blood
10 into three fractions comprises following steps; (a)human blood
sample is mixed with dextran aqueous solution and maintained
stationarily for 60 to 75 min to fractionate this blood sample
into three layers; (b)the upper, intermediate, and lower layer
samples are individually separated and collected; and (c)the
15 upper layer sample is treated with hypotonic solution for a
short period and then added with hypertonic solution. Further
the invention provides antibacterial or bacterial
proliferation inhibitory material produced by the method. This
method can easily fractionate three different blood fractions
20 including red blood cells as a main component and having
different functions. These three different fractions can be
applied to several clinical tests such as antibacterial test
and the like.



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Fig.1**A Group****RC-derived cells (Masked Erythrocyte) = Old Erythrocyte****B Group****RC-derived cells (Masked Erythrocyte)****C Group****Non-Masked Erythrocyte(new erythrocyte)**

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